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UM LAW LECTURE SERIES RECEIVES \$50,000 DONATION

MISSOULA –

A fund managed by the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana has provided \$50,000 to benefit a prestigious law lecture series at The University of Montana.

The donation will boost UM's Judge William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm Judicial Lecture Series, whose distinguished lecturers have included five members of the U.S. Supreme Court – most recently Associate Justice Antonin Scalia on Sept. 24.

The money came from the court's Attorney Admission Fund, which is generated from fees paid by those wishing to practice law in Montana's U.S. District Court.

"This generous donation will ensure that the Jones-Tamm Judicial Lecture Series continues its mission to bring top legal minds to Montana to educate our students, faculty and citizens," said Ed Eck, dean of the UM School of Law.

Patrick Duffy, clerk of court for Montana's U.S. District Court, said money from the Attorney Admission Fund must be used for purposes that benefit members of the court's bench and bar. Previous disbursements have gone to the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society and the Montana Judicial Institute, which is a three-day seminar for Montana high school government teachers.

The fund is administered by two U.S. District Court judges, a lawyer representative

and the clerk of court.

UM's Jones-Tamm series honors the memory of two former Montanans who had distinguished careers on the federal bench in Washington, D.C. Both Jones and Tamm were trial judges on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Tamm also served on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals. The two judges had strong ties to Montana and its law school.

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